

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted to formalize matters discussed during the interview of May 19, 2011.

The specification has been amended to remove any description of the previously presented Fig. 5. Likewise, claim 8 and Fig. 5 have been cancelled. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the drawings has been rendered moot.

Claim 1 has been amended to remove the term "permanently" to render the 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph rejection moot.

Claim 1 has also been amended to define that the grease reservoir which is connected by a lubricating line solely to the closing hook is such that grease is distributable from the lubricating line directly onto a contact surface, see for example contact surface 15 in Fig. 2, of the closing hook which contacts a kingpin when the kingpin is present. Support for the Amendment is set forth in at least paragraph [0043] wherein it is stated that the closing hook 4 is connected directly to the lubricating line 7 and that there is distribution of the grease on the contact surface 15 of the closing hook at the kingpin.

Claims 21 and 22 have been amended to further define that the closing hook comprises a lubricating channel expiring on a contact surface which contacts a kingpin when the kingpin is present.

It is believed that the Amendment further distinguishes Applicants' invention from the cited references.

Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns regarding this response, a telephone call to the undersigned would be greatly appreciated in order to expedite allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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